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TO

Enable Local Authorities in Ireland to provide allotments and otherwise promote the cultivation of land, and for other purposes incidental thereto. A.D. 1917.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1.—(1) For the purpose of enabling district councils to promote the cultivation of land during the present war, the Local Government Board may make orders—

Provision
of allotments
and supply
of agricultural
requisites
by
district
councils.

10 (a) authorising any urban district council to provide allotments for persons resident or employed within their district; and

15 (b) authorising any urban or rural district council to supply manures, seeds and agricultural implements to the holders or tenants of allotments or labourers' plots provided by the council and of small holdings situated within their district.

(2) An order authorising the provision of allotments by an urban district council may empower the council to hire land, whether situated within or without their district, and to let in allotments the land so hired or any other land at the disposal of the council, or in any exceptional circumstances as defined by the Local Government Board to cultivate or arrange for the cultivation of any such land, and may prescribe the

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A.D. 1917. conditions on which land may be hired and the manner and conditions in and on which the allotments may be allocated, let, and managed, or the land may be otherwise used.

(3) An order authorising the supply of manures, seeds, or agricultural implements by a council may prescribe the class 5 and description of articles that may be supplied and the manner and conditions in and on which the articles may be procured by the council and may be supplied by them.

(4) An order under this section may—

- (a) provide for the appointment of committees of councils, 10 prescribe the procedure of councils and committees and the accounts to be kept by them, and define the duties of officers;
- (b) provide for the expenses incurred by councils in the execution of the order, being defrayed in the like 15 manner as expenses incurred for the purposes of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907, and empower councils to borrow for the purposes of the order;
- (c) provide for the measures to be taken by a council or 20 committee with a view to the prevention of losses on the part of the council;
- (d) provide for the manner in which the price of articles supplied by a council is to be repaid and the manner in which such price or the possession of the 25 allotments may be recovered, and for that purpose may apply the provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction Acts or other appropriate enactments, with such modifications and extensions as seem requisite;

and may contain any incidental, consequential, or supplemental 30 provisions which may appear to the Board to be necessary or proper for the purposes of the order.

(5) An order under this section may be made so as to apply generally to all urban district councils or all rural district councils or so as to apply only to the council or councils 35 specified therein, and the provisions of any order made under this section and for the time being in force shall have effect as if enacted in this Act, but may be varied or revoked by any subsequent order made under this section.

(6) Any acts done or arrangements made by the Local Government Board or by any local authority or officer with the sanction of that Board after the first day of January nineteen hundred and seventeen, and before the passing of this Act shall
5 be as valid and effectual as if done or made after the passing of this Act and under the authority of this Act or of an order under this Act.

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2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Interpre-
tation, extent
and short
title.

10 The expression "Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board for Ireland;

The expression "small holding" means a holding not exceeding ten pounds in rateable value; and

15 The expression "labourer's plot" means a plot provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1914, whether with or without a cottage.

(2) This Act shall apply to Ireland only, and may be cited as the Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act, 1917.

Local Government
(Allotments and Land
Cultivation) (Ireland).

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Proposed by Mr. Dail,
sponsored by
Mr. Thomas Russell

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LONG TITLE.

AN ACT TO ENABLE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN IRELAND

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[Printed by Mr. J. J. J.]